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GOVERNOR OPENS YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL
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THE COMPLETION OF THE MAGNIFICENT YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, THE FOURTH PUBLIC POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, REFLECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE MORE AND BETTER RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE NEW TOWNS AND REMOTER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SIR EDWARD WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIVE-POOL COMPLEX, BUILT AT A COST OF \$40 MILLION.

YUEN LONG, LIKE OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WAS DEVELOPING RAPIDLY, SIR EDWARD SAID, ADDING THAT UNDER CURRENT PLANS, THE POPULATION FOR YUEN LONG TOWN WOULD GROW TO 150 000 IN TEN YEARS' TIME.

+APART FROM THE PROVISION OF HOUSING, ROADS AND OTHER NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ADEQUATE SUPPORTING FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED IN GOOD TIME TO MEET THE RISING ASPIRATIONS OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION,+ HE SAID.

+EARLY COMPLETION OF THE POOL WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF \$10 MILLION FROM A DONOR WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

+I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MOST TIMELY GIFT. HE WILL, I AM SURE, SEE HIS REWARD IN THE ENJOYMENT WHICH IT WILL GIVE TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN YUEN LONG,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE POOL'S OPENING, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TRAINING CLASSES AND SWIMMING COMPETITIONS HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

+LAST YEAR NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WERE ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD TO SUPPORT SUCH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

IN CONCLUSION, SIR EDWARD SAID,--MAY I WISH ALL OF THE YUEN LONG RESIDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHOM I HAVE MET THIS MORNING, AND ALL OF YOU WHO ARE PRESENT HERE TODAY EVERY ENJOYMENT IN MAKING USE OF THE POOL.+

EARLIER, IN HIS WELCOMING REMARKS AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, SAID THE SWIMMING COMPLEX RANKED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS YET HANDED OVER TO THE NTSD FOR MANAGEMENT.

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+IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO BE GIVEN THE TASK OF MANAGING SUCH AN IMPORTANT LOCAL FACILITY AND I KNOW WE WILL TAKE GREAT PRIDE AND PLEASURE IN UNDERTAKING THIS TASK FOR THE BETTER ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG,+ MR HEYWOOD ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR LATER UNVEILED A MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE SWIMMING COMPLEX.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON, AND MRS WILSON, MR HEYWOOD AND MRS HEYWOOD, SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE THEN TOURED AROUND THE POOLS WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS OF LIFE SAVING, SWIMMING AND DIVING WERE STAGED.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR HAIDER BARMA; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG; THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR JAMES WILSON; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

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VISIT OF HRH, THE PRINCESS ANNE
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ANNE, MRS MARK PHILLIPS, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM APRIL 29 TO MAY 2.

DURING HER FOUR-DAY PRIVATE VISIT HERE, PRINCESS ANNE WILL TOUR ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AT AP LEI CHAU AND OPEN THE NEW CENTENARY BUILDING AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

AT AP LEI CHAU, SHE WILL ALSO SEE FROM A VANTAGE POINT THE BOAT POPULATION OF ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE HER LAST VISIT IN 1971.

PRINCESS ANNE WILL ALSO MEET UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND VISIT THE QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS AT SHEK KONG AND HMS TAMAR.

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR KOWLOON CITY SQUATTERS
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A SITTING-OUT AREA AND A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICE WERE OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE 2 000 RESIDENTS OF THE HO KAR YUEN SQUATTER AREA IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE TWO PROJECTS, FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$145 000, WERE BUILT ON A 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE FORMERLY USED AS A STORAGE DEPOT.

SPEAKING AT A KEY HANDING OVER CEREMONY, THE MAC CHAIRMAN, MR TSE MING-KWUN, SAID THE OFFICE WOULD NOT ONLY BE A MEETING PLACE FOR MEMBERS BUT ALSO A TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF ANY NATURAL DISASTER.

+WE DO NOT HAVE ANY COMMUNITY FACILITIES HERE, AND THE PROVISION OF A SITTING-OUT AREA AND AN OFFICE WILL CERTAINLY IMPROVE THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

THE ONLY SERVICE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS IS THE SUPPLY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY, WHILE BOTH THE MAC AND A FIRE WATCH TEAM WERE SET UP IN 1981 THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR DEREK DEAR, AND THE CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER, MR DON RAMANAYAKE.

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN WONG TAI SIN
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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26).

A SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR LAI BING-NAM WILL SPEAK ON THE EXISTING LEGISLATIONS, DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, PRESENT SITUATION OF POTENTIAL AIR POLLUTION ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND A NEW AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BILL SOON TO BE ENACTED.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE LEGAL EFFECT OF AGE, BY THE SECRETARY OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION, MR WATSON BROWN.

THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT'S SQUATTER AREAS, THE REMEDIAL MEASURES AND LONG-TERM SOLUTION WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO STUDY A PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE SEMINARS FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS TO HELP THEM ADAPT TO THE LIFESTYLE OF HONG KONG.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO HOLD ITS MEETING IN THE MORNING AND ITS MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROVISION OF STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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THEY WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO COPE WITH THE ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICE WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MAY 2 IN TAI PO.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF NEW IDENTITY CARD, THE PUBLICATION OF A TAI PO DISTRICT HANDBOOK AND THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

(A) MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 26) AT THE FUNG MING HALL, SIK SIK YUEN, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

(B) THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8 AM FOR TAI PO.

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DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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A DISTRICT FESTIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER TO HEIGHTEN THE SENSE OF LOCAL IDENTITY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH TERM TRUSTEE COUNCIL OF WESTERN DISTRICT KAIFONG ASSOCIATION CORPORATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER, NOTED THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+TO THIS END, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED TO HOLD A FESTIVAL, AND A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP TO DESIGN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY, THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR COOPER THANKED THE WESTERN DISTRICT KAIFONG ASSOCIATION - ONE OF THE OLDEST IN HONG KONG WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF HISTORY - FOR SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND BODIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+OVER THE YEARS, THE ASSOCIATION HAS PROMOTED GENERAL SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING EMERGENCY RELIEF, MEDICAL SERVICES AND RECREATION FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD ALIKE,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM, POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (WESTERN), MR B. J. DEEGAN, POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (CENTRAL), MR R. C. LIDSTER, AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS), MISS CHAN JOY-YIN.

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CHANGES IN TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

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CHANGES IN TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT SUFFOLK ROAD AND AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 25), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

AT SUFFOLK ROAD, THE EXISTING 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE EXTENDED WESTWARDS FOR ABOUT 10 METRES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ROAD'S WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KENT ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE, THE RESTRICTED ZONE FOR ALL VEHICLES FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 8 PM AND 11 AM DAILY ON THE EASTERN LANE OF THE TAXI STAND WILL BE RESCINDED.

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SAI KUNG FISH STALL FOR AUCTION

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A FISH STALL AT THE SAI KUNG MARKET IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY (APRIL 25).

THE AUCTION WHICH WILL START AT 10 AM WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AT NO. 1, PO TUNG ROAD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL OF THE STALL IS \$50 AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE ABLE TO START BUSINESS ON MAY 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OPERATOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE BID RENTAL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS WHO MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, TELEPHONE 3-2813707.

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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU
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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT WAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THE WORKS WHICH FORM PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CONSIST OF FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF TRACK MATERIALS AND FOR WELDING OF RAILS INTO CONTINUOUS LONG LENGTHS FOR USE IN TRACK MAINTENANCE.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO FINISH.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR LAYING OF WATER PIPELINE
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR PIPELINE INSTALLATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS AND THE TSUEN WAN WEST SERVICE RESERVOIR.

THE WORK MAINLY INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 2.5 KILOMETRES OF STEEL PIPELINE RANGING FROM 900 MM TO 1 400 MM IN DIAMETERS.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSFER FACILITIES AT YAU KOM TAU, TSUEN WAN - STAGE I PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND TAKES ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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